



**APRIL 2024**

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true One. We are in the true One - that is, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

1 John 5:20



## **We are Closing In on Operation Andrew (April 19th-25th)**

At the beginning of our partnership with International Commission we made a pledge to pray for virtually anything, any person, and any church involved in Operation Andrew (April 19th-25<sup>th</sup>). We have done that. Even Saturday, a week ago when our Pastors and Wives gathered at Waples Baptist Church for a morning of prayer we covered Operation Andrew. Now that we find ourselves with less than thirty days remaining before the missionaries hit the ground in our Association it's important to "step-up" our prayer efforts. Even if your church is not participating with this evangelism campaign, please pray for those who are involved. Pray for Bear Creek Community Church, F.B.C. Glen Rose, F.B.C. Lipan, F.B.C. Thorp Spring, Happy Trails Cowboy Church, Lighthouse of Tin Top, Primera Iglesia Bautista, Simple Home Church, Southside Baptist Church, and Waples Baptist Church. Here is a list of what we should be praying for:

Pray about schedules, travel, logistics, weather and final details.

Pray about good health and safety for all participants in our churches and those who are coming from International Commission. Pray about attitudes, leadership, confidence, and boldness.

Pray about people who are negative and pray about cooperation.

Pray for understanding and excitement. Pray that God will draw people to HIMSELF, including ourselves.

Pray that we will see God do what only HE can do in reaching the lost.

Pray that we can fulfill the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20.

In this edition of "The Beacon" you will find several articles from I.C. Missionaries about how their lives have been blessed through their human efforts; but most of all because of the Divine blessings from GOD. Exciting news will be in the May Edition of "The Beacon" as we report the results of what has happened in our beloved Paluxy Baptist Association.

GOD bless You, Please Pray for Operation Andrew

Boots Hubbard, DOM

Paluxy Baptist Association



### **Testimony of Deb Boone**

Grace & Peace from the mountains of western North Carolina! I'm Deb Boone and I'll be meeting you in April. I thank God that He can use ANY vessel who is willing to follow Him. Although raised in the tradition and saved when I was 11, my choices took me far away from His Way for many years. But He wooed me, and He reeled me in, and now I know the reality of one who is forgiven much, loves much.

In 2018, I made my first I.C. trip to Montes Claros, Brazil and.....it changed me forever, Hallelujah! Getting way out of normal, talking about Jesus from daylight to dark, seeing the scales fall from blinded eyes, worshipping and hearing "How Great Thou Art" being sung in 4 languages at once; it was a taste of Glory.

I pray that you will be diligent in praying for and building relationships with the unbelievers in your life as we prepare for a great harvest. God will not fail. We know the fields are white. I've witnessed the results of Operation Andrew twice in Brazil and I know that Texas ain't too big or too lost for Jesus!

As I ministered in Brazil, the most remarkable things happened when I really didn't have a clue what to do or say and had to rely totally on the Holy Spirit's guidance; it's a lesson I brought home. We get so used to doing church, talking church talk, going about our business the way we always have, not even really expecting God to work at times. However, once we experience the thrill of total surrender and dependence on the Holy Spirit as He uses us in these crusades, it converts the hearer of the Word and it transforms us in ways that eyes have not seen or ears ever heard!

It's gonna be good y'all. He promised that if He is lifted up, HE WILL draw all men to Himself. Can't wait to lift Jesus up alongside you real soon.

In His Name and for His Glory, Deb

## Testimony of Siv Ashley



My narrative unfurls in the tapestry of 1971, amidst the humble abode of a destitute Cambodian family. Despite our economic hardships, love enveloped us, courtesy of devoted family members. Around the age of eight, my father embarked on a journey to the capital to trade goods and secure funds for my brother's and my education. Little did he know that this expedition would introduce him to the resplendent name of Jesus, altering the trajectory of our lives. Infused with newfound beliefs, my father returned home, radiating joy as he shared the gospel. In unity, our family embraced this newfound faith.

However, the fateful day of April 16, 1975, transformed my life irrevocably. The echoes of bombs, gunfire, and sirens disrupted our innocent play, thrusting my brother and me into a nightmarish work camp. Days unfolded in toil, devoid of sustenance, punctuated by brutal beatings. Starvation claimed the lives of some, and with each visit to my family, I confronted a harrowing tableau – a gradual disintegration of their physical and mental well-being.

Yet, amidst this descent into darkness, I clung to the beacon of faith my father had illuminated. His resolute voice echoed, "Believe, and you will go to a place called America," accompanied by the comforting verses of John 3:16, etched in his memory.

The narrative twists into a heart-wrenching escape attempt, my father's demise, and the brutal revelation of my brother's passing in a desolate camp. As I navigated the despondent landscape, the resolute cry of Psalm 71 resonated within me – a plea for deliverance from the clutches of cruelty. However, providence intervened, leading me through a perilous escape and into the arms of an unknown savior. The path through the forest mirrored the agony of loss, yet I clung to Proverbs 3:5, trusting in the Lord's guidance.

My odyssey continued, weaving through the terror of grenades, the solace of a refugee camp in Thailand, and ultimately, the embrace of Jefferson United Methodist Church in North Carolina. Here, amidst the folds of red, white, and blue, the Gospel was preached, and the love of Jesus permeated my heart. Psalm 34:18 became a balm for my broken spirit.

Today, after 32 years of marriage, with two cherished children and a daughter-in-law, I traverse the globe, sharing the message of Jesus. Hebrews 11:1 encapsulates the essence of my father's teachings – faith as confidence in the unseen.

In gratitude, I acknowledge God's role in my life, where blessings outweigh the pain. This is the testimony of a life shaped by adversity but sustained by an enduring faith in Christ. Each day, I express thanks for this remarkable journey, and through recounting my brief life story, I extend my deepest appreciation to you for allowing me to share it.

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## What's Your Story?



Did you know that you have a story to tell? Too often I have heard many people say, "I don't have a story" or "No one wants to hear my story." I have even heard people ask, "How would my story make a difference?"

Whether you grew up in church, became a new believer as a young adult, or have just recently received Jesus as your personal Savior, "YOU HAVE A STORY!"

Likely in everyone's life, there was a time when God was not there or seemed far away, and then over time or all in one moment, God inserted Himself into your life and gave you a story to tell. Even if you have been a Christian all your life, we each go through times when we are not so close to God, fall away, or simply go through challenges and life's trials.

These are the seasons of our life that contrast the impact of God's Holy Spirit and how He moves to bring us closer to a longer lasting, deeper relationship with HIM. This contrast can be the focal point of writing down and sharing your story.

Don't be afraid to write down and tell your story. For our International Commission missionaries, their story becomes their testimony, and they use it on the mission field. Their testimonies are a valuable resource that is left behind for non-believers and first-time believers alike.

God uses all kinds of stories to accomplish His Kingdom work.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Author, Stephen Jumper, International Commission

## **OPERATION ANDREW SCHEDULE - April 19 - 25**

Fri., April 19      3PM Team arrives  
                         5PM Team Meeting  
                         7PM Happy Trails Cowboy Church, Glen Rose; Calf Roping Evangelism

Sat., April 20      8AM Breakfast at Southside Baptist Church  
                         Teams meet their Church Partners  
                         10AM Operation Andrew Visits

Sun., April 21      8AM Teams Worship with their Churches  
                         Operation Andrew Visits  
                         5PM Opening Rally - Simple Home Church at Granbury Baptist

Mon., April 22      Operation Andrew Visits

Tues., April 23      Operation Andrew Visits

Wed., April 24      Operation Andrew Visits  
                         4:30PM IC Missionaries Dinner at FBC Glen Rose  
                         6PM Closing Rally - FBC Glen Rose

Thurs., April 25      Missionaries Travel Home

Note: Churches responsible for IC missionary transportation unless otherwise arranged, as well as, lunch, and dinner unless covered above.

**"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."      1 Peter 2:9-10**

## **APRIL PBA BIRTHDAYS**

6 Jessica Jimenez (Ernesto) - Cristo Roca Viva  
9 Dawn Weeks - Lakeside Preschool  
13 Janet Flippin (Tan) - Lakeside  
16 Larry York - Cottonwood  
17 Carole Rummage (Paul) - Lakeside  
22 Angel Guia - Cristo Roca Viva  
26 Emily Ford (Wayne, deceased) - Allison  
27 Scott Eudaley - Acton

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

16 Boots & Rebecca Hubbard - PBA



**"SCRIPTURE SHARE" for the month**  
**Acts 2:36-47**

## **JOB OPENINGS -**

**Brazos River Baptist** - Bi-Vocational Pastor. Mail resume to PO Box 1726, Granbury TX 76048

**Southside Baptist Church** - Minister of Music, part-time. Call 817-573-1462 or email for more information. Send resume to [admin@southsidegranbury.com](mailto:admin@southsidegranbury.com)

**For more details, [paluxybaptist.org/resources/church-openings](http://paluxybaptist.org/resources/church-openings)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS -

March 30 - **Egg Hunt for Kids - Acton Baptist**, 10-11:30 AM at Acton Place Park

March 31 - **EASTER SUNDAY** - Invite someone to attend church with you.

April 2 - **REGENESIS Conference**. PBA along with Palo Pinto Baptist Association and Parker Baptist Association are combining to hold this one day FREE event. Purpose - to help churches identify & overcome barriers to growth. Contact Boots for more info. Register at [sbtexas.com/series/regenesis-one-day](http://sbtexas.com/series/regenesis-one-day), (Weatherford).

April 4 - **50+Adult Day at Latham Springs**, 8:30-3. \$8 for lunch, RSVP 254-694-3689

April 6 - **The Guardians: Church Safety Seminar II** at FB Glen Rose, 8am-5pm


April 19-25 **Operation Andrew** missionaries will be in Granbury. Continue to pray for them.

April 19-20 **Pursue WMU of Texas** Annual Meeting and Missions Celebration, held at Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX. Register Online: [wmutx.org/pursue](http://wmutx.org/pursue)

April 20 **Food Pantry Outreach**, Southside Baptist, Noon-2PM in connection with Operation Andrew. Welcome any and all donations designated to Our Father's Pantry.

April 25-27 - **Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants Retreat (for ALL of the TEXAS church secretaries and office personnel)** will be held at Lakeside Baptist Church, Granbury. Check website [tbma.net](http://tbma.net) for the registration forms and session choices. Contact Darlene at PBA Office if you need further info. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

April 26-May 1 - **BIBLE Reading Marathon** on the square. Please sign up to read 15 min. <http://granburyministries.org/index.php/bible-reading-marathon/>



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**APRIL 2, 2024 9am-3pm Lunch provided**

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**Paluxy, Parker, & Palo Pinto Baptist Associations**  
**Held at Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
**2910 Bethel Rd., Weatherford**



Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the Lord...  
They will be like a tree  
planted by the water  
that sends out its roots  
by the stream.  
Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants  
2024 Conference**  
**April 25-27 at Lakeside Baptist Church  
In Granbury, Texas**

*Join other Ministry Assistants from across the state of Texas  
for a time of networking, learning and refreshing skills,  
and being immersed in the Word of God.*

Call me if you have any  
questions re: TBMA  
retreat. *Darlene*



## The Guardians: Church Safety Seminars



\*All seminars are \$79 per session

Hosted By

**First Baptist Church – Glen Rose**

201 West Gibbs Boulevard, Glen Rose, Texas 76043

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 (Seminar I) and  
Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Seminar II) from 8am-5pm**

TO REGISTER CONTACT US:

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2024 Bible Reading Marathon

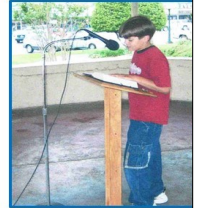
At the Hood County Courthouse Gazebo

Friday, April 26 to Wednesday, May 1

Sign up to read for 15 minutes  
or more or more.

Check our website for details and to sign up.

<http://granburyministries.org/index.php/bible-reading-marathon/>



## Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) -

Acton Baptist - June 3-7, Theme "Breaker Rock Beach"

Granbury Baptist - June 10-13

Lakeside Baptist - June 24-27, Theme "SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God"



## MISSION TRIPS - Please cover these trips in prayer.

JUAREZ TRIP - June 21-23 Open to any Pastors for this short trip. Contact Haley Briggs.

GRANBURY BAPTIST - PERU - June 13-24

LAKE SIDE - NEW YORK CITY - April 1-7

ORLANDO/Student Trip - June 1-7

LIPAN COWBOY - OKLAHOMA - June 18-22

TOLAR - SAINT JO, TEXAS - June 8-14



## PRAYER REQUESTS -

Operation Andrew - the unsaved, and safe travels for missionaries coming to Granbury this month. Pray for decisions to be made for the Lord.

Pastors and Congregations to keep looking to God. Don't Let Satan in!

To remember that Christ died and arose for all. "He is the Reason"

Upcoming events - Regenesys, TX Baptists Ministry Assistants Retreat

Upcoming Mission Trips and summer VBS's

Bro. Glenn Ward - cancer is in lungs, liver, and lymph nodes, using chemo pump

## BLESSINGS -

Churches working with Operation Andrew, seeking the Lost

Pastors preaching God's Word boldly and many surrendering to the Lord in baptism

Pastor & Wife Prayer meeting was a blessing. Continue Praying!

For the ones who continually support our Association and Missions financially

**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? [paluxybaptist.org/prayer](http://paluxybaptist.org/prayer)**

## **PBA RESOURCES -**

### **To the Glory of God...**

- ♦ Share Jesus with Every Person in Texas, making reproducing disciples of Jesus Christ;
- ♦ Be a Family of Loving, Joyful, Obedient Servants of Jesus Christ;
- ♦ Seek Fresh New Direction and Power from the Holy Spirit through Scripture and Prayer;
- ♦ Develop Great Commission for All Persons

(Taken from the PBA Mission Statement)

### **NEW DISCIPLESHIP BOOKS ADDED TO THE RESOURCE ROOM**

*Survival Kit: Five Keys to Effective Spiritual Growth, Revised*

*Following God Series: First Steps for the New Christian*

*What Every Christian Should Know: 10 Core Beliefs for Standing Strong in a Shifting World*

*New Believer's Guide to Effective Christian Living*

*Growing Strong in God's Family*

*The Purple Book: Biblical Foundations for Building Strong Disciples, Updated Edition*

*The Beginning: First Steps for New Disciples*

*NOTE to Secretaries: We have a rare opportunity, with the state TBMA Retreat being held right here in Granbury, for further learning. There is always something new or changing that we need to know. Plan now to attend this retreat.*

### **HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?**

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:4-8

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